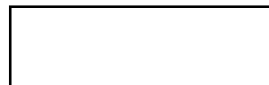


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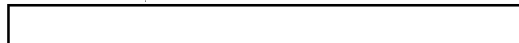
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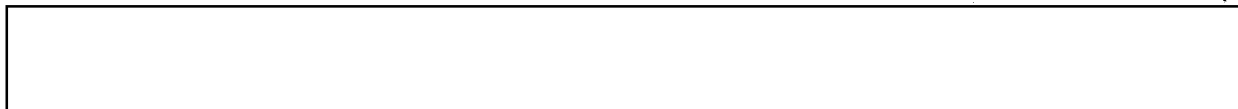
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1. On 1 October 2,000 Outer Mongolian cavalry troops under CHIN-CHI (romanization of Chinese phoneticization, surname only) entered Hailar (119-44,49-13). It is believed that they came from an area just south of Manchouli (117-35,49-30). ☐ note: Sources vary on the number of troops that entered Hailar, but most report that there were two divisions. The strength of an Outer Mongolian division has been reported as 2500.) The troops were armed with 38 caliber Japanese rifles. ☐ note: This is the model 38, 6.5mm rifle commonly referred to as the 'Arisaka'.)
2. There was no fighting upon their entry because the Hailar Mongolian Regiment commanded by TA-KU-TO-ERN (romanization of Chinese phoneticization) had retreated with 1,000 Chinese Communists to Pokto (121-54,48-45) the day before the arrival of the Outer Mongolians. The Communist troops in Hailar are under a regimental officer named WANG who takes his orders from XU Ten-fang (于天放), the Chinese Communist military and political leader in Hailar.

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3. The troops immediately took control of the North and East Hills (Pei Shan and Tung Shan) and the tunnels in that area. (These hills are about five 'li' from Hailar proper but near the airfield.) In 1939 when the Japanese realized that they might have to fight the Soviets in this area and the supply line from Harbin to the front might be subjected to heavy air attacks, the Japanese constructed the cave in the East Hill for the storage of ammunition and food. The amount stored here was sufficient to have supplied the Kwantung Army with military equipment and food for several years. It took the Soviets a month to remove all the military supplies, food, and ammunition from the cave.

4. For a while the cave remained empty. When the Outer Mongolian forces stored in the cave large amounts of ammunition, which had been transported to Manchouli on the Trans-Siberian Railroad and then to Hailar on the Manchouli-Hailar Railroad.

5. After occupying Hailar for two days and nights, the Outer Mongolian troops retreated westward. The next day the Chinese Communists and the Inner Mongolians under their command came back from Pekto and resumed control of the city.

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6. Various reasons have been given for the two-day occupation of Hailar by the Outer Mongolians. Among them are the following:

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a. Because the Chinese Communists had failed to win the confidence of the Inner Mongolians, the USSR sent the Outer Mongolian troops in to gain goodwill on behalf of communism in general and to make the future work of the Communists easier. [redacted] comment: This reason seems far-fetched although there have been reports that ERKIM-BATO does not want Communists in his territory and is maintaining an independent self-protection army in Hailar. In addition, a two-day occupation could hardly effect any sort of influence on the thinking of the populace).

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b. The Inner Mongolians who had moved to Hailar from Wangyehmiao to get away from complete Chinese Communist domination requested the Outer Mongolian forces to get the Communists out. [redacted]

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comment: This reasoning fails to account for what appeared to be a planned return of the Communist forces.)

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c. The outer Mongolians came to remove machinery from factories constructed in tunnels between the East and North Hills during Japanese occupation.

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d. The Outer Mongolians wanted to store ammunition in Hailar for future use. [redacted] comment: If the Mongolian People's Republic is considering the annexation of Hulunbuir League or North Heilong Province by force, this reason seems logical. There have been reports from various sources stating that Outer Mongolia would annex this area. On the other hand, if previous reports of BUKHINBATO's wish to join the Mongolian People's Republic are true, the storing of ammunition in Hailar may be in preparation for a 'coup d'etat' by which BUKHINBATO will remove his territory from Chinese control and join it to the Mongolian People's Republic.

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There was also an unconfirmed report that although there were no Outer Mongolians in Peitzemiao (116-10, 42-50) in the fall of 1946, the loaded trucks which frequently entered from the north were bringing in ammunition. [redacted]

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